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notes what each man contributed; gives the origin of many of the coastal place names and prints that part of Vancouver's journal describing the shores of the present State of Washington, Puget Sound and Vancouver Island and the negotiations at Nootka by which Great Britain obtained an acknowledgment of her equal right with Spain to carry on commercial undertakings in those waters.

The book gives throughout a clear and vivid impression of Vancouver himself. He lived only forty years, but his brief life was crowded with achievement. His fame has vastly increased as he has been more carefully and critically studied. His work was accurate and his descriptions give a vivid impression of geographical facts as they are observed to-day. The few lines in which he sketches the appearance of Mount Olympus, for example, give an excellent idea of it as it is seen in its grandeur from the park at Victoria. The author quotes from a letter written to him by Professor George Davidson, who for fifty years was engaged in the Government Survey of the Pacific Coast:

I have gone over every foot of the work done by Vancouver on this coast and I wish to say that he was a great, big man.

The facts given in the book show that Vancouver was worthy of this encomium from a high authority.

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## OBITUARY.

### MORRIS K. JESUP.

Mr. Jesup died at his residence in this city January 22, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was born at Westport, Connecticut, and early in life established himself as a banker in New York. He retired from business in 1884 and thereafter devoted his time and means to an active interest in educational and benevolent institutions, to private charities, and to enterprises for the advancement of knowledge. He contributed largely to the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut, to Arctic exploration and to ethnological researches in northwestern America and northeastern Asia. He was for many years the President of the Chamber of Commerce and also of the American Museum of Natural History, to which latter institution he bequeathed a fund of \$1,000,000—the interest to be applied to the increase of its collections.

Mr. Jesup became a Fellow of the American Geographical Society in 1874 and a member of the Council in 1893.